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SUBJECT: KUWAIT FUND TEAMS OFF FOR AFRICA AND ASIA

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1. FOLLOWING UP ON RECENT DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS WHO VISITED KUWAIT DURING PAST FEW MONTHS SEPARATE TEAMS FROM KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WILL LEAVE SOON TO DISCUSS PROJECTS IN PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, THAILAND, INDIA AND BANGLADESH IN ASIA AND CHAD, MALI, UGANDA AND TANZANIA IN AFRICA.

2. KUWAIT FUND TEAMS WILL BE MADE UP OF TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS WHO WILL LOOK INTO FEASIBILITY OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN KUWAIT.

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3. COMMENT: THE VISIT BY KUWAIT FUND TEAMS, BY ITSELF, WILL NOT NECESSARILY COMMIT THE FUND TO MAKING LOANS TO THE COUNTRIES BEING VISITED. THE FUND IS PROUD OF AVOIDING THE USE OF POLITICAL CRITERIA. THERFORE, KUWAIT'S COOLNESS TOWARDS THE MARCOS GOVERNMENT IN MANILA SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY INTERFERE WITH POSSIBLE LOANS TO PHILIPPINES. BUT, THE RELATIVE WEALTH OF SOME COUNTRIES SUCH AS MALAYSIA MAY BE A PROBLEM. ACCORDING TO KUWAIT FUND OFFICIALS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEMS IS TO GET THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES TO FOCUS ON ONE OR TWO PRIORITY PROJECTS INSTEAD OF PROVIDING A LAUNDRY LIST WHICH TENDS TO DELAY THE IDENTIFICATIONOF GOOD PROJECTS WHICH THE KUWAIT FUND IS WILLING TO SUPPORT.
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